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UPCOMING EVENTS

Penn Alumni Weekend May 16-18, 2008

This university-sponsored event is a great opportunity to return to campus and reconnect with your Alpha Chi Rho brothers.

Homecoming 2008 November 1, 2008

Save the date! The football team will take on Brown.

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UNDERGRADUATE FAST FACTS

For the 2006-2007 Academic Year:

Community Service Hours:
1,108 (Seventh among all fraternities and sororities.)

Philanthropy Dollars Raised:
\$1,300

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): 3.33

The undergraduates should be congratulated for this outstanding performance during the 2006-2007 academic year. Be assured that they are striving to maintain this commitment to philanthropy and academics throughout this academic year as well.



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ALUMNI REPORT

2008 Brings Two Main Goals to Phi Phi Club: Increase Alumni Involvement and Maintain Chapter House

Send in Your Donations and Your Alumni Updates, Attend House Functions

By John Hawkins '93, Phi Phi Club President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season. In 2008, the Phi Phi Club has two main goals: to add several new members to the alumni board and to maintain the condition of the Chapter House. Volunteering for the Phi Phi Club is a great way to give back to the fraternity and get to know brothers of all generations. Whether you graduated five or 50 years ago, we need your help. Your perspective is valued! Please contact me (jch@pobox.com) if you are interested.

"Your donations help support maintenance to the chapter house and our communications program."

We also need your help financially this year. Please see the article below to learn how you can donate to the annual fund. Your donations help support maintenance to the Chapter House and our communications program.

There are several other ways of staying connected to your Alpha Chi Rho brothers and supporting the Phi Phi Club in 2008:

1. **Submit an alumni update**, which will be printed in a future issue of the "Phi Phi Review." Please send updates to our alumni relations firm, Affinity Connection, at content@affinityconnection.com and be sure to mention "Alpha Chi Rho at Penn" in the subject line. To view recent alumni updates, see page four.
2. **Send photos from your days** as an undergraduate or from recent alumni gatherings. (Photos also should be sent to content@affinityconnection.com.)
3. **Check out our website**, www.phiphiclub.com, and post a news item.
4. **Visit the Chapter House** during Homecoming and alumni weekend. This is also a great way to meet the undergraduate brothers. (See the box on the sidebar for more information.)

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in some way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ANNUAL FUND

Every Brother Can Help Us Keep Up Momentum This Giving Year!

Help us maintain the giving year that started on September 1, 2007 by making a donation to the annual fund. You can donate by calling our toll-free hotline (800-975-6699) or by sending your check to Alpha Chi Rho, University of Pennsylvania, Alumni Relations Processing Center, P.O. Box 7007, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007. The annual fund supports:

1. Our newsletter, "Phi Phi Review."

2. Letters, postcards, and print and web communications.
3. Alumni events, such as Homecoming.
4. Management of our alumni database, which provides accurate contact information for all of our brothers so that we can stay in touch and reconnect with each other.
5. Chapter Hall maintenance.

ALUMNUS PROFILE

Oldest Homecoming Attendee Remembered: George Blankley '33, Passed Away January 11, 2008, Taking With Him a Wealth of History and His Love for the Brotherhood

His Presence at the House Will Be Missed

Our oldest alumnus to attend Penn homecomings, 96-year-old **George Blankley '33**, was known to walk from the faculty club to the football game and back again—now that is dedication! Unfortunately, George will not be making that stroll again: He passed away on January 11, 2008, just a few days after being contacted for an interview for this very issue of the “Phi Phi Review.”

Being a member of the Phi Phi Alumni Association of Alpha Chi Rho at the University of Pennsylvania had always been important to George, but during the last part of his life it became even more so. “Dad loved the house. He loved being an Alpha Chi Rho and he loved visiting these last few years,” relayed his son, Rick.

George attended each of the last six or so homecomings. Alumni Association President John Hawkins truly appreciated George’s presence at the house, “George added to the rich history of our brotherhood. I enjoyed hearing his stories during his homecoming visits and know he will be missed.” Before that he had followed Penn football until 1950 when it was deemphasized. His interest waned until he retired at the age of 88. George, more often than not, would rather just visit at the Chapter House than watch the football games. Rick remembers one incident at the house: “When we were visiting the Crow house with dad, he went missing. Nobody knew where he went and we began searching for him. A couple moments later, he came down the steps saying that he had been upstairs to visit his old room. Dad said, ‘It hasn’t changed much, it’s still as filthy now as it was then.’”

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George knew he wanted to join a fraternity as soon as he was stationed in the quad his freshman year. He joined the



Alpha Chi Rho in 1929 and stayed there until he graduated, even throughout the summers and vacations. You see, George had lost his mother when he was young and had to fend for himself since he was a teenager (his father, an engineer, worked on-site at the Susquehanna River’s Conowingo hydroelectric dam). He had been craving a family and a home full of people that cared about him: Alpha Chi Rho became his family.

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After graduation from the Wharton School of Penn in 1933, George began working with the Reading Company at their Port Richmond grain elevator. A couple years later, he was promoted to the position of secretary to the president. His luck was still going strong when he met a lovely lady, Aura Wood (most called her “Lefty”), during a party in 1936 and they began dating. He also was lucky enough to accompany Queen Elizabeth and King George VI on their railroad trip to the 1939 New York World’s Fair during their historic visit to the United States.

Soon thereafter, George became superintendent of the elevator. It was a very busy place back then: vast amounts of grain were being shipped to England during the war. George was promised a commission in the U.S. Navy, but the director of the Philadelphia Port declared him a “domestic essential” and he was required to stay at work. George and Aura married on September 21, 1940 and had one son,

Richard (Rick), on February 24, 1943. George’s wife preceded him in death four years ago.

He stayed at the elevator until 1948, at which point he transferred to the Tidewater Grain Company. He remained with them until 1965 when he joined SF Scattergood and Company in Narberth, PA as vice president. George bought the firm and became president. Rick joined the company in 1970 as vice president. George remained active in trading grain until 2000. He retired at 88 years of age.

According to his son, George didn’t talk much about his days in college. He did, however, mention the panty raids (i.e., “Rho bottoms”) and the trolley pranks. Apparently, when the trolley stopped at Woodland Ave., the brothers would take the pantograph off the wire. Then the driver would exit the trolley to check the pantograph, and the brothers would sneak into the front and take the handle off the throttle. Within an hour, 15 trolleys would be backed up.

George will be missed during reunions, where he was the only representative from his era. He will be missed at homecomings, where he was a staunch supporter of Penn. He will be missed from Alpha Chi Rho and from Phi Phi, where he was the living history of the fraternity. George, we will miss you.

What’s New With You?

Your submissions are needed for future issues of the “Phi Phi Review.” Do you know of a brother that would be a great candidate for a profile in our next newsletter?

Do you have exciting news to share with the brotherhood?

Please e-mail all profile nominations and alumni updates to content@affinityconnection.com and be sure to mention Alpha Chi Rho at Penn in the subject line.

HONOR ROLL

Thank you to the following brothers who have donated to the annual fund as of January 23, 2008.

George H. Blankley	1933	Stanley T. Szczurek Jr.	1960	Mark E. Coogan	1983
Walter B. Gallagher	1937	Byron P. Connell	1963	Stuart Ford	1985
William Craemer Jr.	1938	Brian J. Heisler	1965	Richard D. Ing	1985
William J. Crosson	1942	Harry J. Stuart	1965	Christopher R. Albani	1987
Gordon V. Moyer	1942	Brent A. Grishkin, M.D.	1969	Peter A. Stevens	1988
William R. Cooper	1946	G. Donald Allen	1970	Robert Alan Rosenbaum, M.D.	1990
J. Richard Chase	1947	Michael J. Karpinski Jr.	1970	Russell D. Blumer	1992
Arthur W. Tawes	1947	Robert B. Warner	1970	John Hawkins	1993
Arthur C. Staib Jr.	1951	Juan S. Cockburn	1971	Joe Suyama	1994
Daniel G. D'Imperio	1953	John G. Kelly	1971	Timothy M. Brown	1996
John Leferovich Jr.	1953	Ronald L. Miller	1971	Matthew Gilroy	1996
Kyle D. Thomas	1954	John R. Morris	1972	Charles Sarkis Margosian III	1998
Robert R. Gaudian	1955	William L. Courtney	1973	Wayne Levy	1999
Allen J. Staib	1955	Peter B. Davidson	1975	Andrew Mandelbaum	2001
David J. Rosser Jr.	1956	Eric P. Robbins	1976	Greg Millhauser	2003
		Steven M. Seide	1976	Charles Kornblith	2005
		Steven Arkin	1977		
		Thomas A. McCarthy Jr.	1978		

UNDERGRADUATE REPORT

Spring Rush Efforts Gain 21 Pledges and Intramural Sports and Social Events Strengthen Brotherhood Bonds

Undergraduates Gain Valuable Experience with Internships and Study Abroad

By Leland Meibeyer

We just recently finished a successful rush period. We began our rush with Hemo, a sandwich cart that is a campus staple, which was followed up by a successful BBQ. Both were well attended and provided us with a large base of potential rushes to invite to our closed events. These events included a trip to New Jersey for bowling, dinner and dancing in Center City, and a trip to an Off-Track Betting followed by a party. We attempted to create a friendly atmosphere where the rush attendees could get to know and bond with the brothers. This year was a successful rush, and we now have a new class of 21 freshmen and sophomores.

This last semester we participated in the Greek League Flag Football. Led by our sophomore and current VP Trey Reece, we rolled through the regular season undefeated, anchored by strong leadership by Josh Oresko. While the playoffs were a disappointment, a string of victories brought high morale to the house. We have recently started our Greek League basketball league. The season looks promising, and as March

Madness approaches the interest will continue to grow in the house.

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Last fall, our annual Moose is Loose party was great. We lit up the backyard with Christmas lights in the bushes and spotlights on the Beach, and by having the bar outside, the house was full inside and out. We followed this up with another, more inside party, hosted by a local DJ that was well attended and enjoyable to say the least. We also are allowing the Drexel AXP chapter to hold their official New Member Initiation ritual in our basement. They are throwing a post-initiation party.

Mark Loftus and Evan Carabelli will be studying abroad this semester in Melbourne,

Australia. Although they will be attending different schools, they will be sharing an apartment. Our secretary Danny Katz has just returned from a semester at St. Andrews and Salmon Kothari has returned from a stint at the London School of Economics. Tim Tuveson has recently spent sometime as an analyst with the stock market.

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While our house is younger oriented, our entire new member class from last year is living in the chapter house. Older brothers such as David Gorman, Craig Riley, and Tanner Burke have been a source of advice, guidance, and tradition. As we educate our new postulants, the elder brothers do not hesitate to stop by and introduce and acquaint themselves with our new members.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'30s

Robert Detweiler '35

(11 Amherst Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081-1613) I am active in a Masonic fraternity, art work in Swarthmore and in public exhibitions. I go to church every Sunday at age 93, and sing in church shows every July.

'50s

Peter Sigmund '51

(137 Hendricks St., Ambler, PA 19002-5913; prsg@verizon.net) I am researching and writing a series of articles on historic "iconic" construction projects in the U.S. (for Construction Equipment Guide magazine).

'60s

John M. Smartt Jr. '66

(2001 Partridge Run Lane, Knoxville, TN 37919-8967; johnsmarttcpa@yahoo.com) My investment management practice continues to grow rapidly with clients now in states coast to coast. Paula and I are grandparents for the second time with Hannah born last August 8th. Paula and I share August 9th birthdays! Please visit my website: www.johnsmarttcpa.com

Bob White '66

(72 La Rue, 01210 Versonnex, France; rbwhite@mail.gr) I remain in touch only with my (real) brother, **Dave White '66**, and his wife, Salli, and with my (younger) brother **Bill English '68**, and his wife, Mary. I would be happy to get back in touch with any of the brothers from the 1964 to 1969 period.

My wife, Benedicte, and I live in eastern France, near Geneva, where we are settled permanently following my 25-year career with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). I now work on a part-time basis with church and ecumenical

agencies in Geneva, in humanitarian activities such as emergency response to refugee flows and natural disasters.

Our three children are all far from us: Gavin in Chiapas, Mexico with his Mexican wife, Lorena; Anne-France in Nairobi, Kenya; and James in Edinburgh, Scotland.

'70s

Robert Warner '70

(1385 Starwood Dr, Missoula, MT 59808-9328; rwarner@verizon.net) We moved from Maryland to Missoula, Montana, in early 2006 to be closer to our children and grandchildren. Our daughter lives an hour north of us and our son lives in Reno, NV. Missoula is a wonderful, small city with big-city features like a major university, top-notch health services, arts and culture, plus all kinds of outdoor activities at your fingertips. We are in the Rockies, but our winters are not much worse than the east coast and summers are warm and dry.

Eric Robbins '76

(7518 Gallineta Drive, Tampa, FL 33615; ericlaser@aol.com) I moved to Tampa, FL, and became certified by U.S. Sailing as a National Race Officer.

'80s

Vincent Palusci '80

(1249 Alameda Blvd., Troy, MI 48085-6740; vpalusci@comcast.net) The big news is that two new Palusci's are at Penn.

Wayne S. Firsty '85

(1124 Bent Dr., Campbell, CA 95008-3604; wayneok@sprintmail.com) I am living in California and have two beautiful daughters: Shayna, five, and Alana, two.

Marty Isaac '85 came out and visited.

Daniel Greenberg '86

(2 Laurel St., Suite X, Lexington, MA 02421; dangreenberg@hotmail.com) I currently work for IBM selling the brains inside every current generation game console, so please buy a console today. I am pulling together the committee to select winners of scholarships based on proceeds from the endowment. So give to the endowment, volunteer or both!

'90s

Crae Morton '94

(P.O. Box 2388, Boone, NC 28607; crae@craemorton.com) I run the family business in North Carolina, a nature park known as Grandfather Mountain (www.grandfather.com). I have a two-year-old son and a daughter on the way in May.

Jordan Gushurst '95

(1929 Hickory Hill Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317; jordan@gushurst.com) We had our first son, Ian Michael, on 3/17/2007. Big sister, Vivian, is two already and doing great. After seven years in North Carolina, we are moving to Pennsylvania to be closer to family. Drop me a line if you want to catch up.

'00s

Adam Tritt '00

(1609 Kenyon Dr., Naperville, IL 60565; adam.tritt@generalgrowth.com) Heather, Jackson and I welcomed our second son, Brayden Nicholas, to the family on May 29th, 2007.

Want to Give Back to Alpha Chi Rho?

Volunteer for a position on the Phi Phi Club! You could help put together alumni communications (such as this newsletter) and events. E-mail John Hawkins at jch@pobox.com and join now.